

Remarks

By the above amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 have been amended and claim 8 has been canceled. Applicants note that no new matter has been added. Support for the amendment to claim 3 can be found throughout the specification and in the claims. Support for the amendment to claim 6 can be found throughout the specification, and particularly, for example, in Figures 11-17.

Telephonic Interview

Applicants thank Examiners Henry and Jiang for a telephone interview on May 29, 2009 with Applicants' representatives Sean Myers-Payne and Thomas Weber.

During the telephone conversations, Applicants' representative discussed possible claim amendments to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 102. The Examiners indicated that Applicants proposed amendment would appear to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and that the art-based rejections would be reconsidered in view of any amendments.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly being indefinite for failing to comply with the definiteness requirement. In particular, the Action asserts that the phrase "stabilizing a vitamin" is unclear.

By the foregoing amendment and in view of the telephone interview, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been addressed and respectfully request its withdrawal.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

The Action rejects claims 1-3, 5, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by FR 2196793 A2 to Shionogi and Co., Ltd. ("Shionogi"). The Action further rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Shionogi.

By the foregoing amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that Shionogi fails to anticipate any pending claim, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Furthermore, Applicants submit that Shionogi fails to render any pending claim obvious, because there is nothing in Shionogi that would suggest Applicants' presently claimed invention. Applicants further note that Shionogi fails to provide any reason why one of ordinary skill in the art would make the presently claimed invention. In the absence of such reason, there can be no basis for an obviousness rejection.

In view of the present remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the art-based rejections.

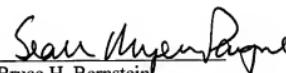
CONCLUSION

With the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants have addressed all rejections and respectfully request their withdrawal. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is necessary. However, if a fee is deemed required for ensuring the pendency and consideration of this amendment, the undersigned authorizes the Office to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any requisite fee.

Should there be any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conversation, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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